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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAQ, U.S.A.; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press. The Mission reports on English-language media via email through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

IRAQ

11. "IRAQ IN SEARCH OF PEACE," commentary in March 25 DAINIK JAGRAN Hindi daily by Vinay Kaura: "The U.S. military mission has completed six years in Iraq. Both the Iraqi people and the U.S. are battle-weary and fed up. The political scenario in Iraq is critical, with ethnic and sectarian power struggles. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is the only politician who can unite the country. But Kurds are not in favor of a powerful federal government... Maliki has the tough challenge of striking a balance between meeting the demands of different factions and maintaining Iraq's unity. Osama has declared a U.S. troop withdrawal by 2011. America's first test will be in June, when U.S. troops will leave the cities and Iraqi forces will take charge."

U.S.A.

12. "OBAMA'S POSITIVE STATEMENT", editorial in March 25 right-of-center Urdu daily RASHTRIYA SAHARA: "President Obama has brought in positive policy changes, igniting the hope that international conflicts resulting from U.S.

policies may subside. Obama is envisaging a new Afghan policy, aimed at economic development and progress. It is early to predict how much success he will have, but his efforts are praiseworthy. His statements are appreciated by his opponents, including the Iranian leadership and even Hamas. If Obama can bring about peace, his place in history is assured."

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